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UNIVERSITY HOUSING NEWSLETTER



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Residential Facilities Staff Recognized for Their Contributions



Above: team receiving their recognition certificate
Left: Mark VanBecelaere, Trey Graves and Brad Mize

Chartwells recognized dining maintenance staff for outstanding service/support.

Dining Techs Mark VanBecelaere, Trey Graves and Brad Mize were presented a certificate for being nominated for the University team of the year award. Bill Zemke former Resident District Manager for Chartwells attended the monthly maintenance meeting and presented the certificate to the Dining Techs. Lynne Williams, Director for Business Services for Student Affairs, was also present to recognize the achievement.



Becky Comer

Facilities staff recognized for work Above and Beyond the Call!

Becky Comer and David Brannon were recognized for their dedicated service during the month of February with the Director's ABC Award. Becky lived on campus during the February inclement weather days. Her daily assignments took her from hall to hall providing essential services to the students. A quick sanitizing and general wipe down of the bathrooms and common areas kept her hopping! She did an excellent job with a great attitude!

David's leadership through the relocation process was outstanding! He kept his team focused and on schedule. Through it all he demonstrated great patience and willingness to do whatever the job needed. A big "Thank You" to both David and Becky for being an example of "Above and Beyond the Call!"



Dave Brannon

Contributed by Aaron England, Judy Kendrick and Jeff Vinger
Team Award photos contributed by Aaron England and Jeff Vinger.



Alternative Spring Break: Dream B.I.G. SW Arkansas

Eight mentors and two advisors (Crystal Favors and Felisha Perrodin) spent Spring Break week in Texarkana, Arkansas. The U of A group partnered with the Silas H. Hunt Community Development Corporation and the Faith, Love and Hope Center to facilitate Dream BIG (Believing In Girls) Southwest Arkansas, a girls' empowerment day camp. The age range of the girls attending the day camp was 2nd through 12th grade.

The camp lasted four days and had a specific theme for each day. Day One was Girl Power and activities focused on self-esteem. Day Two was Smart Girls Rock and the girls had a chance to learn about goal-setting, education and careers. The theme for Day Three was Keepin' It Real. The activities and conversations on Day Three focused on positive communication and healthy relationships. We wrapped up Day Four with Girls Give Back. On Day Four, the girls had the opportunity to hear speakers talk about getting involved in your community through voting, political engagement and community service. Another speaker also talked with the girls about knowing their history. The speaker, Ms. Carolyn Williams, brought some items belonging to her family that showed some of her own personal history. Finally, the girls had the chance to create poster murals to hang in the Faith, Love and Hope Center.

It was an amazing week for both the girls who participated in the day camp and the mentors. Many friendships were created as well as long-lasting memories. Everyone who worked with the camp saw young women realize their potential—the ultimate goal for the day camp.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."—Eleanor Roosevelt

Contributed by Felisha Perrodin



Recyclemania FINAL RESULTS!



	Cardboard	Cans & Plastic	Mixed Paper	Contaminated	Weekly Total	Accumulative Total 2013	Accumulative Total 2014	Pounds per resident
Buch Droke	41	22	121	0	184	483.5	488	5.88
Founders	45	0	0	0	45	NA	65	0.32
Futtrall	59	7	46	0	112	171.5	842.5	4.71
Gibson	0	0	0	0	0	143.25	51.5	0.55
Glad Rip	4	2	0	0	6	93.5	212	2.62
Gregson	13	11	22	0	46	393	425	2.13
Holcombe	23	10	0	0	33	239.5	225.5	1.65
Hotz	104.5	8	0	0	112.5	NA	681.5	1.67
Humphreys	85	8	3	0	96	754.5	1109	2.63
MHE	5	0	25	0	30	676	440.5	1.43
MHS	0	4	0	0	4	123	76.5	0.25
MHW	288	18	85	0	391	282.25	1593	4.84
NWQ	11	16	0	0	27	535	555.5	0.96
Pomfret	137	11	33	0	181	1000.5	1902.5	3.40
Reid	31	8	0	0	39	437.5	704	1.60
Walton	2	3	0	0	5	225.25	226.5	1.73
Yocum	37	6	1	0	44	305.25	349.5	0.73
Duncan	9	7	2	0	18	265.5	291.5	1.61
Totals	894.5	141	338	0	1373.5	6159	10239.5	2.00

Contributed by Judy Kendrick



Congratulations to our winner, Buchanan/Droke, with an accumulated recycling total of 488 pounds from 88 residents, for a per capita amount of 5.88 pounds/student! Maple Hill West made a strong push in the last few weeks to finish in second, with 1593 pounds recycling from 329 residents, for a per capita amount of 4.84 pounds/student. Futtrall, who had been in contention throughout the competition, finished third with 842.5 pounds of recycling, or 4.71 pounds/student.

69% of the residence halls finished over last year's total.

Finally, congratulations to Pomfret Hall, finishing in fourth place with an amazing 1902.5 accumulated pounds of recycling gathered from 560 residents, or 3.40 pounds/student. Overall, University of Arkansas residence halls finished 140% over last year in terms of recycling gathered. Great job, everyone!

Contest totals can be found here: http://housing.uark.edu/News/Recyclemania_2014.php.

Swinging into Spring Break!



Joyce Guess, Nicky Guess and Tricia Walden



Nicky Guess



Debra Lyon



Maria Montano

Building Services staff welcomed the week of Spring Break by blitzing the Quad bathrooms before heading back to their assigned hall to do a little detail cleaning while the students were away. What a great attitude the staff had while they completed this “dirty” job!

Contributed by Judy Kendrick



Heather Lakey



Yocum Kitchen Upgrade - Correction!

This kitchen upgrade is not in the CRE apartment, but rather is located in the basement of Yocum for all community members.

Holcombe International Living/Learning Community



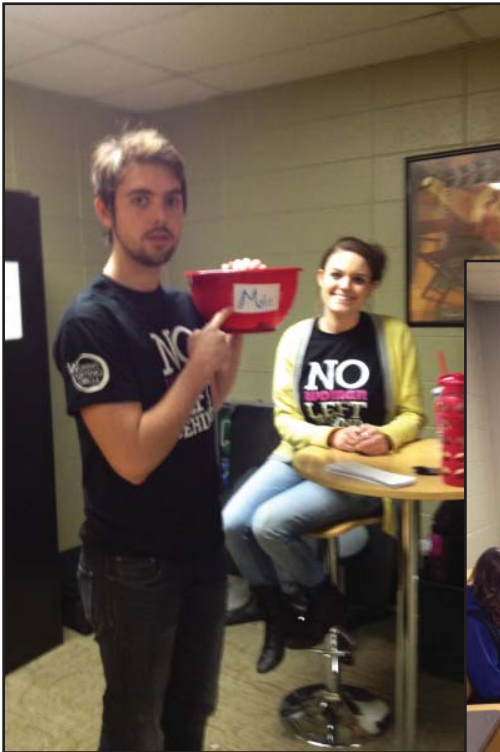
March wound up being a short month while everyone prepped for Spring Break! In Holcombe Hall we focused on creating a banner/backdrop for the ISO Banquet. The ISO Banquet is a chance for various international student organizations to showcase their culture and traditions from around the world. Holcombe Hall was specifically sought out to create or fund the background banner. We created a empty tree, and hosted a program to bring the residents together to place their painted hands on the tree and create leaves. In doing this we created a background that was more truly representative of the many residents that live in Holcombe Hall together.



No Woman Left Behind - Battle of the Sexes



On Monday, February 10th at Pomfret Hall and Tuesday, March 11 at Maple Hill South, No Woman Left Behind held a new program called Battle of the Sexes. Students were able to submit questions to a panel of the No Woman Left Behind interns and Resident Assistants either through email or anonymously during the event. The men and women took turns answering the questions and then opening it up to the audience for their opinion. The questions covered everything from how important is appearance to the other gender, why it takes females so long to get ready, and how do you define consent. It was an open conversation among students sharing their opinions about issues that are pertinent to college students about dating and relationships. The program had a great turnout and students were actively engaged in debating the questions that were submitted. No Woman Left Behind was able to promote their mission about bystander intervention and hopes the program allows for students to continue these conversations about issues facing college students in regards to dating and relationships.



Contributed by Tory Spokane

The message is simple: whether it's your sister, your friend, or a complete stranger step in and make a difference.

Conference Coordinators Situated to Succeed This Summer and Beyond!

The summer conferences program would not be as successful as it has been if not for the talented student staff members that devote endless hours to University Housing. These students, who serve as Conference Coordinators, range in classification and experiences. Previous Conference Coordinators have gone on to work for Homeland Security, the Clinton Foundation, and pursued graduate degrees in Law, International Relations, Education, Medicine, and my personal favorite, Student Affairs. So you might be saying to yourself, what do these students do that makes the summer conferences program so successful?

First, these students, while balancing an undergraduate course load of 15-18 hours, go through a semester of training for their position. They learn about our department, the university, administrative responsibilities, crisis response, supervision, leadership and management, and customer service philosophy. They perform other tasks as well during the fall such as inventorying summer supplies and participating in a common reading.

Second, the Conference Coordinator team is responsible for the conference assistant position selection process. This year, they had to process over 90 applications for 28 positions. They researched group selection process activities and presented them for review; in addition to implementing a group process, they also participated in individual interviews. This team of four is responsible for interviewing (with help from Jason) these 90 candidates. The Coordinators quickly go into planning mode after the conference assistants are hired with April trainings, in addition to planning for May move-in, summer training, and of course, WALMART.

Last, these undergraduate students interact with coaches, campus administrators, and community leaders to plan the logistics involving the camp's stay on our campus. During the summer, the Conference Coordinators serve on a duty rotation for campus, and are responsible for first response to emergency calls. Our summer conferences program is unique because it runs off of the dedication of undergraduate students. The overall experience these undergraduate students get puts them light years ahead of the competition for graduate assistantships within Student Affairs.

Meka Dering, Shannon Horner, Teagan Piazza, and Carter Stallings are members of this year's Coordinator team.



Let's give the new folks a big Housing welcome!



Joseph Drain serves as the Assistant Director for Greek Housing. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida State University, where he played an integral part of their Greek system. Joe then went on to pursue a Master's degree in Higher Education at Auburn University. Up until recently, he had been serving as a Student Services Program Coordinator and Housing Director with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. Looking forward to becoming a part of the Razorback community, Joe will be overseeing the university operated Greek housing on campus, and working to further cultivate and expand this community.

Contributed by Joseph Drain



Residential Facilities
welcomes four Service
Assistants since January,
2014.

From the left: Tim Figgins,
Maria Montano and
LeTasha Breese. Ryan
Griffin is not pictured.

MARDI GRAS!



Humphreys Hall hosted their annual Mardi Gras event on Friday, March 7. This year the theme was “Masquerave” with over 150 students in attendance wearing masks and waving glow sticks in the air.

There were many goals of Humphrey’s annual Mardi Gras celebration. First, we wanted to provide the students of the University an alternative option on a Friday night rather than potentially drinking and making regretful choices. The idea was to have a safe environment while also having an entertaining night.

Secondly, the program was very flexible with anyone’s schedule. The Mardi Gras Dance lasted from 8:00pm-12:00am which allowed students to also explore other events happening on campus as well as allow for students who work late have a chance to join in on the fun. To insure that every student got the same experience, pizza was delivered on the hour from 8:00pm-11:00pm, and there was plenty of other snacks and drinks that lasted all night.

Finally, the program was designed for everyone to genuinely enjoy their time at the party. With the amount of food, drinks, and snacks that was given and the atmosphere of the actual dance room, the ultimate goal for everyone to walk away talking about how fun they had was accomplished.



Contributed by Jen Conyac and Chantz Bellamy

Adopt-a-Prof!



The Adopt-A-Prof program was introduced to the Residence Education staff during their 2013 summer training by the Associate and Assistant Directors for Academic Engagement. The objective of the program is to identify at minimum one faculty member per residence hall who will partner with the staff of that community to provide opportunities for interaction between students and faculty members.

During the fall semester, RAs were asked to submit names of faculty members that they would like to engage with in a social capacity. The requirements that we asked the RAs to consider was that the faculty member be appointed primarily in an academic department, that they not have previous affiliations with our department i.e. Faculty in Residence or Living Learning Community Coordinator. Over 90 names were submitted for consideration.

The intent of the Adopt-A-Prof program is engage faculty, staff, and residential students on an informal but intentional level. The goal is to help connect the academic pursuits of our students with their lives outside the classroom setting with faculty members who can serve as mentors and share their own perspective and expertise with residents. We asked faculty members who agreed to participate to be as involved as they want to be but to attend at least one staff “meet and greet” and two hall events per semester. Our Adopt-A-Prof participants for Spring 2014 are:

BDGR	Robert Docker	Music
Founders	Janine Parry	Political Science
Futrell	Joy Reeber	Classical Studies
Futrell	Peggy Ward	UA Teach
Gregson/Gibson	Jackie Wiersma	Home Economics
Hotz	Brenda Zies	Psychology
Hotz	Lawrence Hare	History
Holcombe	Joel Freund	Psychology
Humphreys	George Chiffler	History
Humphreys	Matt McIntosh	Chemistry
Maple Hill East	Sean Connors	Literature
Maple Hill East	Gay Stewart	Physics
Maple Hill South	Curt Rom	Horticulture
Maple Hill West	Katie Chapman	Psychology
NWQ	Joshua Youngblood	Libraries
NWQ	Denise Beike	Psychology
Pomfret	David Barrett	Philosophy
Pomfret	Larry Foley	Journalism
Pomfret	Gwen Gertz	English
Pomfret	Stephanie Schulte	Communication
Reid	Bettie Miller	Nursing
Reid	Ed Mink	Mindfulness & Health
Yocum	Carole Shook	Business
Yocum	Ron Smith	Business

4th Annual Red, White & True Effort Under Way

The 2014 Red, White & True faculty and staff giving initiative is officially underway at the University of Arkansas! Last year, a record 31 percent of current and retired employees — 1,494 individuals — contributed a remarkable \$403,000 to 233 different funds all across campus. That's the power of participation, and with your help, this year's program is sure to make an even bigger impact for our university and our students.

Between now and May 1, employees are invited to join in the effort by making a gift of any size to the area of campus that matters most to them. The goal is to increase participation, so everyone can contribute at a level that's comfortable. If you've already made a gift this fiscal year, whether to KUAF, the Staff Senate Scholarship, the Full Circle Campus Food Pantry or your own college or department, it counts. Thank you! If not, participation packets will be hitting campus mailboxes in the next few days, so please be on the lookout for your opportunity to get involved. And remember, you get to choose how your gift will be used, so pick your passion.

Now in its fourth year, Red, White & True is gaining momentum and attracting an energetic group of volunteers. Leading that group is Richard Hudson, vice chancellor for government and community relations, and Yvette Murphy-Erby, professor of social work and interim associate dean for Fulbright College, who are serving as co-chairs of the 2014 effort.

"I view giving back to the University of Arkansas as a socially responsible and diligent investment in an institution that is committed to teaching, service and research endeavors that benefit Arkansas and the world," said Murphy-Erby. "I know my investment matters and helps to make a difference!"

"Being affiliated with the university has been a true blessing to my wife Joanna and me," Hudson added. "It just seems natural and logical that we support the university, and I'm happy to co-chair this year's Red, White & True program along with Yvette to encourage others to experience the joy of giving back."

Joining the co-chairs are 27 volunteers from across campus who are equally passionate about the U of A and proud to give back. Over the coming weeks, these volunteers will be reaching out to their colleagues to spread the word and encourage participation.

The Student Affairs members of the 2014 volunteer team are Susan Stiers, Off-Campus Connections, and Felisha Perrodin, University Housing.

To learn more, join the volunteer team or make your gift today, please visit annualfund.uark.edu/facultystaff or contact Merin Macechko, associate director of annual programs, at merin@uark.edu or 575-2944.



Felisha Perrodin, Student Affairs
Volunteer for Red, White and True

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**Greg Lee keeping an eye on the
trouble-makers down in Finance.**

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